

House Resolution No. 1377

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives welcome with pleasure the opportunity to recognize a remarkable Missouri citizen whose efforts and accomplishments have made him a source of inspiration for all those around him; and

Whereas, Wes Davidson, Postmaster of Seymour, Missouri, has been selected to receive the National Newspaper Association's Benjamin Franklin Award of Excellence; and

Whereas, Wes Davidson was presented with this most impressive accolade by United States Postmaster General John Potter during the National Newspaper Association's annual Government Affairs Conference in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas, the Benjamin Franklin Award of Excellence is an award that recognizes the nation's top United States Postal Service (USPS) employee who provides excellent service and strengthens the relationship between the USPS and newspapers; and

Whereas, Wes Davidson is the first Missourian ever to win the Benjamin Franklin Award of Excellence and the first postmaster from an office with fewer than 20,000 customers to win; and

Whereas, a 1973 graduate of Marshfield High School, Wes Davidson began his career with the USPS as a rural-carrier associate - or commonly known as a "sub carrier" - on a rural route in Springfield in 1987, became a regular rural carrier and was named Associate Supervisor of Customer Service at the Springfield Post Office in 1994, and was transferred to Lebanon in 1997 to assume a new job of Customer-Service Supervisor, a role he filled until May 24, 2002, when he was named Seymour's Postmaster; and

Whereas, Wes Davidson has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Carla Davidson; two sons, Brandon Davidson and Adam Davidson; and one grandson, Matthew:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Wes Davidson for his selection to receive the Benjamin Franklin Award of Excellence, and in further wishing him continued success in all future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Wes Davidson, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Michael L. Cunningham
District No. 145

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1377, adopted April 3, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker